

PARIS. — French newspapers have challenged President Giscard d'Estaing's explanation that France was bound by its own laws to free terrorist Abu Daoud in the absence of a formal move by West Germany to extradite him.

Commenting on Giscard's violent attack on France's critics for criticising France, "France-Solr" said: "For the president it was not a question of convincing nor of arguing a case which was flimsy and dubious — as he is probably the first person to agree — but to strike out far beyond the question of whether France had the right to murder."

France's front-page editorial "Le

Withdrawal of Sørensen with tough problem of f

By ROBERT G. KAISER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON. — The forced withdrawal of Theodore Sorensen's nomination to be director of the Central Intelligence Agency — the first defeat of Jimmy Carter's still-miraculous presidency — was a painfully public display of Carter's limited congressional influence.

Carter's associates tried quickly to minimize the political significance of Sorensen's withdrawal. It was stressed that Sorensen's personal relations were substantial, so his rejection was more than a slap at Carter.

But the President-elect did try to save Sorensen, both with public statements of full support and with private telephone calls to key members on the Intelligence Committee.

Perhaps the most revealing aspect of the entire tale was Carter's inability to convince at least four members of his own party to give him and Sorensen the benefit of the doubt.

This could be an omen of the political realities in the first months of the Carter Administration. The Democratic members of Congress — most of whom ran ahead of Carter in their home districts last Autumn — feel no special debt to the President-elect. They are not beholden to him, and thus far, he has not generated the kind of popular support which might convince the Congress that Carter was too popular to take on.

Carter's unusually ardent courtship of Congress during the transition period suggests a realization that his position needs strengthening. His decision not to fight harder for Sorensen may be a sign of strategic political tractability. Sorensen obviously did pose a special set of problems. He had few enthusiastic supporters and many critics from all sides of the political arena.

Moreover, Sorensen's candid affidavit on behalf of Daniel Ellsberg and the "New York Times" in the Pentagon papers case, inflamed the powerful intelligence lobby on Capitol Hill. They are the same

Another name mentioned was
Erard Smith, also a Washington
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Afula	34-37	32-36
Shomron	36-39	34-38
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Jericho	40-43	38-42
Gaza	37-40	35-39
Beer Sheva	39-42	37-41
Eilat	32-35	30-34
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Social and Personal

The British Ambassador, John C. Mason, yesterday called on Amos Eran, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Edward Weitz, the weightlifter, who achieved Israel's best-ever placing in the Olympic Games (at Montreal), is to receive the Dov Hoz Prize for sports and aviation awarded by the Tel Aviv Municipality. The ceremony will take place on February 2.

A mother's club and day creche named for World WIZO president Raya Jaglom was dedicated in the French Hill quarter of Jerusalem yesterday. The creche, which cost over \$12m, has room for 70 children aged three to five. WIZO will open a new kindergarten in Kiryat Yovel next week. Other kindergartens are now under construction in the new Jerusalem quarters of Gilo and Neve Ya'acov.

A business meeting will be held by the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today, at the YMCA.

The head of the Haifa University Social Work School, Shlomo A. Sharlin, will speak on "Social Problems in Development Towns," at the Haifa Rotary Club, Shulamit Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Rotary Club Givatayim is awarding scholarships to Beit Dagan youth in presence of Education Minister Aharon Yadin; Shlomo Grofman, Governor of Rotary District No. 199, Israel, and Zvi Kaplan, president of the Givatayim Rotary Club at 9 p.m. tonight, at the Beit Dagan Youth Club.

The first of a three-lecture series (in English) on "Judaism and Secularity," by Prof. R. G. Wechsler of The Hebrew University will be delivered on Thursday night, January 20, at the ZOIA House in Tel Aviv. The series is conducted by the Institute of Israel Studies of the ZOIA House.

BIRTH
VAN BUREN. — To Ilana and Baruch van Buren. Netanya, a daughter, Silvan.

IN MEMORIAM
A memorial meeting was held in Safed yesterday to mark the first anniversary of the death of Hanna Eisenberg, who drowned while on the way to aid soldiers on the Golan. The Soldiers Welfare Association, of which she was a member, named a soldiers' club on the Golan and planted 120 trees in her memory.

ARRIVALS

Eva Natch, president of the Pioneer Women of Canada, for a world executive committee meeting of the National Pioneer Women organization.

Dr. Lisette Levi, president of the Brazilian Art Critics of Sao Paulo.

U.S. warship to call at Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A warship of the U.S. Sixth Fleet will be coming to Haifa for a four-day "routine visit" next week.

The guided missile frigate, USS Richard L. Page, is due to arrive on Monday morning. She is manned by 20 officers and 240 enlisted men.

During their stay they will exchange visits with the Israel Navy and take part in a programme of sightseeing, sports and entertainment, according to a U.S. Embassy source.

National Religious Women's Organization
announces with great sorrow the sudden passing of

CHANNA PRESSMAN
formerly of Montreal

one of the veterans of our Canadian sister organization, who devoted her life to our cause.

We extend condolences to the bereaved family

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LOUIS DEUTSCH

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The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
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The Department of Philosophy
offers deepest sympathy to

Dr. Yehudah Gellman and family
on the passing of his

FATHER

Knesset approves reassignment of vacant ministries 43-18

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset yesterday accepted by a 43-18 vote a government decision to reshuffle cabinet portfolios, following the ousting of the three ministers of the National Religious Party and the death of Housing Minister Avraham Ofer.

The statement read by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said that the Cabinet, at its meeting on Sunday, decided that Justice Minister Haim Zadok would take on the additional portfolio of religious affairs; Labour Minister Moshe Baran would add social welfare to his responsibilities; Shlomo Hillel, Minister of Police, will now act as Minister of the Interior; and Shlomo Rosen, Minister of Immigrant Absorption, takes on the duties of Minister of Housing.

Eighteen members of Knesset of various factions took the floor before the vote and used the opportunity to express their general feelings about the political scene.

Members of the Independent Liberals and National Religious Party abstained in the vote, as did the Tora Front, Free Centre and Moked.

A Likud official told The Jerusalem Post the faction was "not

going out of its way" to round up votes to try to defeat the government's decision. He said that if the four unheld portfolios are not handed over to ministers now in the Cabinet it would mean deputy ministers would have to be appointed, "and this means more money and more staff."

Justice Minister Haim Zadok told the House the Rabin Government had never intended to "imprison" the recalcitrant ILP ministers in the Cabinet against their will.

He said their resignations, coming so close to the resignation of the Cabinet, had raised a difficult constitutional question; and the High Court had ruled that the intent of the Knesset, when it passed the Basic Law: The Government, was that in a case such as this one, the ILP could not leave.

(Neither of the two ILP ministers — Moshe Kol and Gideon Baumer — attended yesterday's Knesset session.)

Some of the statements heard on the floor yesterday included:

Yitzhak Karsman (Alianah):

Rabin's ousting of the ILP over the Sabbath-observance issue was a "first-rate lesson in good government."

Yitzhak Medal (Likud):

Rabin should not proceed with his planned visit to the U.S. "only 50 days before the date of our elections... because the price Israel will have to pay for Rabin's visit to President Jimmy Carter is Judea and Samaria and the Gaza Strip."

Meir Pavli (Moked):

Instead of just reassigning portfolios, Rabin should have reorganized them. He should have established a social betterment ministry that would include the existing ministries of Social Welfare, Labour, Immigrant Absorption and Housing.

Meir Wilner (Rakah):

Israel needs no ministry of Police.

Arye Ellav (Independent Socialists):

Our cabinet ministers (by their political statements) are confusing people all over the world. Assigning them new ministries "is just about as significant as the tissue-thin peel of the garlic which is the first part to be thrown away... I look forward to May 17, election day, when Israel's voters will rid themselves of this rotten, decaying regime."

Yehuda Kadin (Gahal):

Rabin's government has been a good and responsible one. However, even as a caretaker government now, it must try harder to root out corruption, especially tax evasion.



Donald Duck and friends have penetrated the northern fastnesses of Kiryat Shmona, in a new children's playground in the town. (IPFA)

Peres said gaining wide party support

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Leaders of Moroccan Jews in Israel have met Defence Minister Shimon Peres and expressed their support for him in the contest for the premiership, Ya'acov Elcibas, chairman of the Sderot local council, told The Jerusalem Post last night.

Elcibas said most participants in the meeting, on Sunday night, were members of the former Rafi faction in the party. Some, however, had been members of Mapai.

Sources close to the Defence Minister said the 30 participants are members of the Labour Party's Central Committee.

Peres is believed to enjoy the support of the former Rafi faction. Sources close to him said yesterday that the Tel Aviv, Southern Dan Region (including Rehovot area), the moshavim, Jerusalem and Haifa regions also support him.

A vote in the council of Ihud Hakvutzot Vekahibutzim last week produced a "surprising" victory for Peres, MK David Coren told The Post.

"Support for Peres is stronger than I believed," MK Avraham Silberberg said.

Prime Minister Rabin is backed by the members of the former Ahdut Ha'avoda faction. Leaders of local councils and labour councils in 23 development towns expressed their support for him at a meeting in Tel Aviv last week.

A Rabin confidant estimated that the North and Negev regions, as well as part of the Jerusalem region, back the Prime Minister in the contest. Opinion in Tel Aviv is divided, but there are "positive signs" there.

Mapai's Political Committee on Sunday recommended quitting the Alignment if Labour nominates Peres for the premiership.

Meanwhile, the Labour party's committee preparing the February convention will today debate whether the 3,000-member convention plenum or the 801-member Central Committee nominate the party's candidate for premier.

Peres said he wanted the decision to be made in the convention. He associated explained that Peres believes the party machine supports Rabin and will be less effective in the convention, where most members do not depend on the party for jobs.

A Rabin confidant said the Prime Minister has no preference in the matter.

Manager can't travel with soccer team: so he quits

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The manager of the National soccer team, Yosef Dagan, resigned late Monday night after Hapoel representatives on the Football Association decided that he would not accompany the team on its tour of Thailand and Australia next month.

The chairman of the FA, Micha'el Almog, said yesterday: "We were looking for ways to save money. An extra official for such a trip costs tens of thousands of pounds."

Asked why 19 players, including eight reserves, were being taken on the tour, Almog said that was what the national team coach wanted. One official, a doctor and a masseur will accompany the players. The doctor was not originally due to make the journey.

The team leaves on February 9 and will play Thailand in Bangkok on February 9, Australia in Melbourne on February 11 and in Sydney on February 13. The games will be the final preparation for the national team's entry into the qualifying rounds of the World Cup against South Korea and Japan.

The government sports commissioner, Yairi Oren, described the FA's decision regarding Dagan as "a mistake."

"It was taken over the opposition of Maccabi and Bnei representatives on the FA secretariat; and, when put to the vote, the Maccabi and Bnei representatives walked out of the stormy meeting."

"If you need a national team manager at all, then you need him a trip like this. Dagan has been manager of the team here and to the Olympic games and he should be part of the contingent now." Oren said.

Dagan told The Jerusalem Post last night: "It is difficult to know what lies behind Hapoel's stand. I know there is no need for both a doctor and a masseur to look after 19 players. If needed, there are plenty of good doctors in Australia."

Misunderstanding with Oslo settled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday said that a meeting between the Norwegian Ambassador to Israel, Odd Gerhard Jakobsen, and Zev Shek, assistant director-general in charge of Europe for the ministry, cleared up a misunderstanding involving officials of the two countries.

The misunderstanding involved comment by ambassador Dag Rivilin on a remark made by Y. Ofedal, a member of the Norwegian parliament, during a recent tour of Jordanian refugee camp. It is believed that Ofedal's name was not mentioned in yesterday's meeting.

The spokesman said that Shek and Jakobsen considered that the matter had no consequence on the friendly relations between the two countries. Shek explained that the Norwegian ambassador's difference between Israel's position on the Palestinian question and Israel's position on PLO, the spokesman added.

Three burglary suspects arrested

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem police on Monday arrested three young residents of East Jerusalem whom they said had carried out a string of burglaries.

The three, who all live in B' Hanina, broke into homes and businesses in the Beit Hanina and Shuafat quarters, stealing thousands of pounds worth of merchandise and valuables, the police said. They are 16 to 20 years old.

It was learned that the three are cooperating with the police in the investigation. They are to be brought before a judge for remand today.

EEC pact with Arabs

BRUSSELS. — The European Common Market signed trade and agreements with Egypt, Syria and Jordan yesterday.

The accords provide some \$200 in aid, largely in the form of low-threshold October 1978. Trade is to be helped by the abolition of import duties on many of the Arab countries' exports to Western Europe (AP).

COLD — Harsh winter weather paralyzed life and communications in many parts of Turkey.

Collagen used in labs to treat teeth, bones

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The treatment of teeth and burns may be drastically improved as a result of experiments on dogs being conducted at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School by a research team headed by Dr. Shmuel Shoshan, head of the Oral Biology Department's connective tissue research laboratory.

The experiments involve the use of collagen, whose fibres are responsible for keeping all the body's organs and tissues in their correct functional structure. (Collagen, whose properties were first discovered 12 years ago, means "glue-producing material.")

A natural tooth cannot fall out unless the collagen threads connecting its root to its socket wall tear or wither away. And in the absence of natural collagen fibres, the body soon casts off false teeth made of foreign material.

Dr. Shoshan and his colleagues,

Dr. Jacob Ehrlich and Avinoam Yaffe, are now drilling channels in the acrylics of which the false teeth are made and impregnating them with collagen. This generates a growth of connective tissue in the socket wall. The tissue penetrates into the channels and turns into bone, which holds the false teeth in place.

The experiments on dogs' teeth have succeeded, but Dr. Shoshan said further experiments will be conducted to explore wider application.

Dr. Shoshan, together with Dr. Uri Riebeland, is also experimenting in the use of collagen in the treatment of burns — experiments which, he says, have so far demonstrated its efficiency.

"If we remove the burnt skin surgically as early as possible, treat the exposed area and prepare it for a skin transplant with the aid of collagen," Dr. Shoshan says, "chances are we can satisfy the four demands of ideal burn treatment: the prevention of infection, loss of fluid by evaporation, and hemorrhaging, and the reduction to a minimum of scarring."

Collagen can be produced for medical purposes by a physical and chemical process yielding a spongy, semi-solid gel. In addition to filling spaces, the gelatinous form is able to hold other materials. For example, antibiotics can be added, thereby speeding up healing by preventing infection when the medical collagen is applied to a wound. Furthermore, on contact with the blood, collagen activates the clotting process, thus preventing hemorrhaging.

Its use for clinical treatment is growing in all fields of medicine. The speeding up of healing is especially important for the knitting of broken bones. Plaster casts cause muscles to atrophy and bones to become porous. The shorter the time a broken bone needs to be set in plaster, the better.

Dr. Shoshan is studying the use of collagen in bone healing, in cooperation with the hospital's Orthopedics Department.

Washington Jew 'squeezed tears'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "offensive" publicity pamphlet that the Zionist Executive accused the United Jewish Appeal of distributing was in fact produced by the metropolitan Jewish community of Washington, D.C., according to UJA officials in New York.

The UJA was criticized on Monday for allegedly distributing a fundraising pamphlet describing Israeli youth as "taking pot and hashish" and "dropping out of school" to become prostitutes. Ya'acov Tur of the Executive stated that "squeezed tears" out of American Jewry was no way to raise money or improve Israel's image.

Irving Bernstein, executive vice-president of the UJA, stated yesterday that the UJA had nothing to do

with the pamphlet, which was produced by mimeograph and "for limited use" by the Washington community. He added that distribution of the pamphlet had been discontinued.

Twenty drawings by the Moroccan-Jewish artist Andre Elbaz will be auctioned at Beit Sokolow today. Elbaz, who lives in Paris, donated the series of drawings, which are all on the theme of the Holocaust, to the Black Panthers. All proceeds will go for scholarships to disadvantaged youngsters.

SGAN-NITZAV Asher Davidowitz is leaving his post as head of the investigations branch of the Beer Sheva police to head the office of the National Insurance Institute there. He joined the Beer Sheva force as a constable 28 years ago.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America
Hadassah Medical Organization Hadassah
Hadassah Council in Israel

announce with deep sorrow the passing of

Prof. David Moshe Birnbaum
head of the Gastroenterology Service
at the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem

Mourners may pay their respects from 12 noon today, 29 Tevet, 5737, January 19, 1977, at the Medical School entrance, Ein Karem. At 1 p.m. the funeral cortege will proceed to the Sanhedriya cemetery via the Ohel Yosef Synagogue, Rehavia.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved father and grandfather

BRUNO HAHN

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Thursday, January 20, 1977, at 3 p.m. at the Holon cemetery. Assembly at the cemetery gate.

His son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and cousin

ANNA WEISS
at the age of 82.

The funeral will leave today, Wednesday, January 19, 1977, from the Rambam Hospital, Haifa, for the Hof Hacarmel cemetery. Transportation from the hospital to the cemetery provided.

The bereaved family

VANCE
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here who have contended that Arab and Israel leaders would not be persuaded by lower ranking American officials. The Vance decision comes despite several statements he has made promising to delegate authority to his subordinates.

Diplomatic sources here said that the combination of the Vance visit in February, followed by the visits to Washington by Arab and Israel leaders in March, April and May, could set the groundwork for an intensive period of Arab-Israeli negotiations shortly after the Israel election, scheduled for May 17.

The sources said that the new Administration would apparently like to get "down to business" after the election, irrespective of who came out the winner.

The sources also commented that Vance was going to the region to update UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, who has also announced a two-week tour of Arab and Israeli capitals next month. Vance and other Carter administration advisers are said by these sources not to be very pleased by Waldheim's efforts to become an Arab-Israeli mediator.

A visit to Washington by Syrian President Assad is definitely a possibility, one American source said yesterday, although the Syrian leader has never come to the U.S. in an official capacity. In fact, long-time political observers here could not recall yesterday whether or not a Syrian President has ever come to the U.S. while in office.

Carter officials would like to see the Syrian President, who is viewed as a "moderate" by State Department officials, accept the invitation. The new President, it is said, would hope to establish a personal relationship with the various Arab and Israeli heads of government in order to ensure a continued U.S. mediating role.

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כבוד מלכותך

Manager can travel with soccer team so he quits

Yadin promises real plans solve social problems

By PAUL NISSEN
Jerusalem Post Staff Writer

TEL AVIV. — The National Soccer Team manager, Yehoshua Yadin, has resigned from his post as a senior minister for social affairs, and will travel with the team to the 1977 World Cup in West Germany.

Yadin, 47, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he had not been officially told of his discharge and that he did not know what steps he would take next.

Darmon, who had been with the police 30 years, said he had been suspended about a year ago and has been on half pay since then, awaiting the decision of a police disciplinary court.

The veteran policeman was acquitted for lack of evidence by a disciplinary court investigating charges that he had collaborated with burglars while he was a member of the fraud squad.

Despite the acquittal, the court ordered Darmon discharged.

Police sergeant fired despite acquittal

Jerusalem Post Reporter
First Sergeant Mordechai Darmon, acquitted of charges that he collaborated with burglars last year, has been discharged from the national police force.

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'J'lem Arab merchants should pay full taxes'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
East Jerusalem's Arab businessmen should be made to pay their taxes just like their Jewish counterparts in the western sector of the Capital, the Knesset Finance Committee says.

The committee's views were made known yesterday as it concluded hearings on a motion for the agenda introduced last July by Likud Member Avraham Katz, who wanted to know why tax collections differ between Jewish and Arab merchants in Jerusalem.

Among the persons testifying at the committee hearings were the State Revenue Administrator, the Income and Property Tax Commissioner and the secretary of the Jerusalem Merchants Association.

A Treasury representative told the committee that in 1974 the average income tax bill paid by Jewish retailers in the Capital was IL2,440, while the average payment by Arab retailers was IL3,700. One of the reasons for this, according to the representative, was that there were not enough Arabic-speaking tax inspectors available to enforce the laws.

A point brought to the committee's attention was the fact that East Jerusalem Arab shopkeepers are not being asked to pay any property taxes, while Jewish shopkeepers are being billed for it at the rate of 3.2 percent of the value of their business premises.

A Treasury spokesman told the committee that it was true that no property taxes are collected from the Arab merchants in the Old City. He said a special ministerial committee had sanctioned this in continuation of the practice in effect since the days of Turkish rule, according to which property within the walls of the Old City was not taxed.

Oldest Hebrew written left to right: probably copied from Canaanites

By SHOSHANA LESSER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An ancient Hebrew script, believed to be the oldest ever discovered, was written from left to right, archaeologists from Tel Aviv and Bar-Ilan Universities said yesterday.

The script was engraved on two fragments of a clay tablet, which were found last August at the bottom of a silo on Izbet Sart'a, east of Kafr Kasem. It is believed that the script is a hundred years older than the famous Gezer Calendar of the late 10th century BCE.

The script of 80 letters, arranged in five lines, includes an entire line of the Hebrew alphabet similar to the modern one. The archaeologists who deciphered the bottom line believe that the script was part of an exercise written by someone learning to be a scribe.

The student, the archaeologists believe, probably wrote the alphabet at the bottom of the tablet so that he could copy the letters. Strengthening this belief is the fact that the word "et" appears in three lines in exactly the same position.

Unlike the modern alphabet, the ancient order of the letters had sayin coming after het and ayin after peth. The letter mem is missing, but there appears to be a space for it.

The deciphering was done by Aharon Demsky, Moshe Kochavi and Yosef Naveh. Demsky said the letters were in an order found in some biblical alphabet poems, such as those in Lamentations, Chapter 2.

The new discovery has led scholars to believe that the ancient Israelites probably copied their alphabet from the Canaanites and not from the Phoenicians, as previously believed.

The tablet was discovered at the site of an ancient farming settlement of the 12th century BCE. The archaeological team was led by Kochavi, head of the archaeology department at Tel Aviv University, and Moshe Garai, director of Land of Israel Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

The site of the discovery also is significant, they said, because it showed that literacy had reached rural districts as early as the days of the later Judges.

The ancient settlement has been identified with Even Ha'ezer, mentioned in Chapter 4 of Samuel I. Ancient Israelites had gathered here to face a Philistine attack launched from Ofek. The Israelites were defeated, Samuel's two sons killed, and the Holy Ark of Shilo was captured by the enemy.

Garsiel said that discovery of the "Jewish settlement" is proof of the attempts of the sons of Ephraim to settle on the west slope of Har Shomron, opposite the northern part of the land held by the Philistines.

Archaeologists had difficulty deciphering the tablet because the letters were lightly engraved. David Owen, an American Assyriologist, used an ammonia solution to make the letters clearer.

'Wild rumours about oil spread by speculators'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A highly placed oil company executive last night accused speculators of spreading wild rumours about the prospects of imminent oil discoveries in the Sinai Peninsula.

"The reports I have read were gross exaggerations, totally unjustified, which could do more harm than good," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The executive suggested that the rumour mongers might have been interested in promoting some action on the stock market and making a killing for themselves.

He said the trace of oil found on Sunday at the A-Tur II site had no greater significance than similar oil traces discovered in different parts of the country during earlier drilling probes.

Most of these wells did not have enough oil to make them commercially profitable, he said.

The executive also ridiculed yesterday's reports of massive quantities of oil-drilling equipment being moved south.

Commenting on recent developments at Ashdod, he said that during the drilling of the Ashdod II borehole the rig crews had encountered two gas-bearing strata at 350 and 425 metres. Both these layers were earmarked for re-exploration at a later date.

One of the prospecting companies will shortly conduct a series of shallow drilling operations in the area in an attempt to pinpoint significant gas veins. If any are to be found in the immediate vicinity.

Oil drilling operations in the Ashdod area will also be resumed in the near future, as soon as the experts agree on what is the most promising of a number of potential sites, *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

Three burglars suspected of killing

Jerusalem Post
The Jerusalem Police arrested three young men suspected of killing a 23-year-old man in a rooming house in East Jerusalem last night.

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Hadassah is lady-like, but it's there. The image of the Hadassah member "is a good one," she maintains. About 30 per cent are under age 35, and the majority of members are between 35 and 50, when they are relatively free from taking care of their families. Fully 75 per cent have had some college education. Each chapter is different, according to the predominant age of its members, the aggressiveness of its leaders and the "Jewishness" of its location.

"In some communities, Hadassah is the only form of organized Jewish life in existence," she says.

Mrs. Tannenbaum was "astounded" after taking office, by the "great respect" with which the Jewish community, by the broad American public as well as by the Jews. She herself was invited to the inauguration of President Carter (but will not get home in time to attend). Top officials in the Ford Administration have called her to get her opinion on various issues that affect the Jewish community. She also represents Hadassah on foreign policy matters by sitting on the Presidents Conference.

The magnificent reopened hospital on Mt. Scopus, with its wide corridors, sophisticated equipment and large staff, "is a monument to the women of Hadassah who raised funds" for its reconstruction. If a few people have charged that it is "too luxurious," Mrs. Tannenbaum responds that "we tried to make it as beautiful and as practical as we could. This is our way of reaching across the ocean to help people we care about but whom we don't know."

Arab students protest campus 'discrimination'

By LEAH LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 300 Arab and Jewish students demonstrated on the Tel Aviv University campus yesterday to protest the alleged refusal of the university to let them use facilities for cultural events.

The secretary of the Arab Students Association, Sefi-Din Watat, claimed the university was limiting Arab students' freedom of expression. "It's the first step toward carrying out the Koenig programme," he added.

(The reference was to the controversial memorandum of Interior Ministry representative Yisrael Koenig on limiting Arab influence.)

A Jewish student representing "Campus Tel Aviv," an organization for Jewish-Arab fellowship, called for equal rights for Arab students. "If Jewish students abroad were

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THE COLLAPSED Granville Bridge lies on top of a train which was speeding into Sydney yesterday. An estimated 90 persons died in the disaster. (AP radiophoto)

90 killed as Australian road-rail bridge collapses

SYDNEY. — Exhausted rescue teams were last night hacking their way through the twisted, blood-soaked wreckage of a Sydney commuter train which left the rails and slammed into a bridge killing an estimated 90 people.

The crash yesterday, Australia's worst rail tragedy, injured 80 others. Banks of high-powered lights bathed a scene of carnage along the rail tracks of suburban Granville 24 km. west of Sydney.

The packed commuter express rumbled into a bridge support bringing down the concrete overhead roadway onto its 40-year-old wooden carriages.

More than 12 hours after the crash

police could give no final death toll. They reported 21 confirmed deaths but said it was likely 90 to 100 more bodies remained in a pancaked carriage crushed to a quarter of its bulk by a huge slab of concrete.

Medical and surgical teams, firemen, rail rescue squads and police saved the lives of a score or more of critically injured passengers. Surgeons amputated limbs at the scene. But many victims died trapped in the ripped and splintered carriages buried beneath the rubble.

As the bridge fell, at least three cars on the roadway overhead slowly toppled on to the train with the concrete and steel. (Reuters)

44 known dead in U.S. capsizal

BARCELONA. — Divers yesterday pulled 20 more bodies from the waters of Barcelona Harbour, raising the known death toll to 44 in the capsizing of a U.S. navy launch filled with American sailors and marines.

The search by Spanish frogmen and a U.S. Navy demolition team for six servicemen still missing was stopped at sunset, to be resumed today. Navy officials said the divers were hampered by cold and the murkiness of the water. (AP)

A-bomb pioneer's daughter found hanged

CRUZ BAY, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. — Katherine Oppenheimer, 33-year-old daughter of the man known as the "father of the atom bomb," was found dead, hanging by her neck at her home here late Sunday, police have revealed.

Miss Oppenheimer's father, Julius Robert Oppenheimer, was one of the leading scientists who developed

America's first nuclear bomb at the end of World War II. Oppenheimer's later opposition to American nuclear policy made him a controversial figure. He died in 1967.

A police spokesman said Miss Oppenheimer was divorced three months ago from her second husband, Danny Silbert, an organist in a Virgin Islands band. (AP)

Show trials feared as Prague admits arrest of freedom-seekers

By MICHAEL GETTLER
THE WASHINGTON POST

PRAGUE. — The widening crackdown here against human rights activists took a new and important turn on Monday night with the first official acknowledgment by Czechoslovak authorities that four prominent leaders of the movement for greater individual freedom had been arrested.

The four men — including a well-known playwright, a journalist and two theatre directors — were all charged with "serious crimes against the basic principles of the Republic."

The official acknowledgment by the Czech news agency that these men had been arrested, suggests that the 11-day-old crackdown here against signatories and supporters of a new civil rights manifesto may be leading the government to its first round of major political trials since the purge that followed the fall of the liberal communist regime of Alexander Dubcek in 1968 after a Soviet-led invasion of this country.

Three of the arrested men are signatories of the so-called "Charter 77," which was slipped out of Czechoslovakia and published in several Western newspapers earlier this month.

The charter, signed by more than 280 persons, basically alleges that Czech citizens are deprived of individual freedoms that are contained in Czech law and of human rights guaranteed by the 1975 Helsinki agreement signed by 35 European nations, including Czechoslovakia.

At the same time as the government moved against Charter 77, other letters by another pair of prominent Czech human rights campaigners were also made available to Western newsmen.

Both contained emotional appeals to Western Communist parties and other socialist forces to force an end to what the writers view as a "witch-hunt" by Czech Communist authorities against the civil liberties movement.

LIBERAL SOCIALISM

Former Communist Party secretary Zdenek Mlynar, a persistent exponent of a more liberal form of socialism, wrote that other democratic and socialist forces in Europe must decide whether they will allow "supporters of internationally accepted peace on human and civil rights in Czechoslovakia to be brutally suppressed for the second time in a decade."

Favel Kohout, a Czech playwright who currently has a play running on Broadway that he has not seen produced, claimed the new Witch-hunt here undermines "not only the future of socialism but also efforts in favour of a real detente in Europe."

The four men who have now been arrested include playwright Vaclav Havel, one of the main spokesmen for Charter 77 who had not been seen since Friday night. Havel was a strong supporter of Dubcek and a constant critic of the more hardline communist regimes that followed his downfall.

Journalist Jiri Lederer and writer-director Frantisek Pavlik were also active in the more liberal brand of

Kreisky says he'll help dissidents

VIENNA. — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said yesterday that he intends to do "a number of things" to help Czech dissidents.

"One must not remain silent, and a letter alone will certainly not suffice," he said.

Kreisky talked to newsmen after reports from Prague that Zdenek Mlynar, prominent one-time supporter of liberal Czech leader Alexander Dubcek, had appealed to the Austrian chancellor to help the dissidents.

Mlynar, according to the report, directed the same appeal to Western Communist parties. Czechoslovak newspapers yesterday stepped up their campaign against dissidents, following the official announcement that four prominent intellectuals will stand trial accused of anti-state activities.

Addressing itself to the signatories of a democratic manifesto, the "Charter 77," the Communist Party newspaper "Rude Pravo" said "Bankrupt individuals have excluded themselves from our socialist society, which so far allowed them to live freely in spite of their offences."

"Socialist society will not tolerate vermin," the paper said.

The only name actually mentioned in the report was Ornest. The others were alluded to with initials that sources here said left no doubt who they were.

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PHYSICAL THREAT

The increasingly harsh conflict here between the dissidents and the government poses a physical threat to the critics and a dilemma for the ruling government of Gustav Husak.

While the government seems clearly willing to take stern measures despite some embarrassing news accounts in Western media, the increasingly overt government activities are having the effect of making far more people here aware of the human rights campaign.

Czech sources say that when it was first published in the West, and for several days thereafter, virtually no Czechs except the intellectuals knew about Charter 77. Then, as attacks increased, politically sensitive people here became more aware of the Charter's fundamentals. Still, the charter itself, though alluded to now daily in government editorial attacks, has never been printed here.

Thus, as one Czech points out, "we are being asked to denounce an offence something that we have never read."

Alexander Dubcek in September, 1968, before the Soviets crushed his liberal Communist regime.

communism here nine years ago.

The fourth man arrested, Ota Ornest, was director of three Prague theatres in the 1968 era. He is the only one of the four who is not believed to have signed the manifesto, which suggests to some observers here that the government is not limiting its crackdown to just signatories.

Until Monday night's reports by the Czech agency, news that perhaps a dozen or so dissidents had been detained for police questioning and held in custody for varying periods came only through conversations with some newsmen here or via telephone or through relatives. Many phones have now been removed.

In recent days, however, the government has increasingly made its attacks on the dissidents public, with slashing editorials in the Czech papers and alleged statements of condemnation against the dissidents from thousands of workers.

The dissidents are generally portrayed as servants of the West, well-paid and privileged intellectuals or former officials who have either turned their back on the Czech brand of socialism or whose writings are not reflective of Czech culture.

The charges against the four men are very serious and come under a special section of the penal code that deals with subversion and anti-state activities and carries penalties that range from two to 15 years and even death in some cases.

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Brezhnev asks top priority for new Salt agreement

MOSCOW. — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev yesterday called on the incoming Carter administration to give top priority to a new agreement on limiting nuclear weapons.

Brezhnev said any suggestions that the Soviet Union is building up its armed strength to make a first nuclear strike against the West were "absurd and totally unfounded." He scoffed at any allegations of a Soviet threat to peace.

The 70-year-old Soviet leader was speaking at Tula, 160 kms. south of Moscow, during ceremonies honouring the city's role in World War II.

"We are prepared jointly with the new administration in the U.S. to accomplish a new major advance in relations between our countries," he said. "First, we are convinced, it is necessary to complete in the nearest future the drafting of the agreement on limiting strategic armaments on the basis that we reached in Vladivostok."

Negotiations on a new Salt (Strategic Arms Limitation) Pact have been going on sporadically since the Brezhnev-President Ford summit in the far eastern city, but agreement has been snagged on what weapons to include.

The present interim Salt agreement runs out next October. After a new agreement, Brezhnev said, "We could immediately pass on to talks

on more far-reaching measures. Brezhnev said he is prepared to prevent "more reliable" proliferation of nuclear weapons to reach agreement on reducing forces in Central Europe. He said discussions could take place "at a level and at any venue."

Brezhnev picked up a theme in the Soviet press about Western analysts who warn of increasing Soviet military strength. W

being more specific, he aimed at Western "intelligence agencies headquarters and various (that) compose thick reports treatises in which they arbitrarily interpret the Soviet Union's policy the measures taken by strengthen its defence capabilities."

One of the arguments is the Soviet Union is building up its defence structure so that it make a "first strike" and a retaliation.

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A DOCTOR'S NOTE-BOOK / Dr. David Samson

APART FROM general physical and mental development, legs and feet are the commonest subject about which mothers seek reassurance when they bring their young children to my surgery.

Last week Mrs. Shafir brought Dror, the youngest of her four children. She was a bit worried that he might have bow legs. Dror had only been walking independently for a few months, and Mrs. S. didn't want to delay any necessary treatment.

I asked her to remove the child's trousers, diaper, shoes and socks and then let him wander freely about my office so I could get a good look at the way he walked and at the position of his legs, as he did so.

"I can see what's been bothering you," I said after a minute or so. "But I'm certain that the situation is quite normal in spite of the apparent bowing we can see when he walks. Look, I'll try and show you what I mean so as to set your mind at rest."

After a bit of coaxing, I managed to persuade Dror to stand up on my examining couch. At this point his mother didn't yet look completely convinced by my optimism. I ran my finger down the toddler's shin bones, illustrating clearly that these were both entirely straight. I then put his ankles together and measured the amount of separation at the knees as he stood in this position — just over a centimetre and, therefore, well within the normal range for Dror's age-group.

Finally I picked up Dror's shoes and examined their soles. These were equally worn on both sides indicating that his weight-bearing was being evenly shared when he was walking.

"All these findings confirm my initial impression that there is nothing to worry about Mrs. Shafir," I said. "So you wouldn't recommend vitamin D injections or anything like that, doctor?" she asked rather hesitantly.

"Goodness me, no! The only indication for giving Dror vitamin D would be if he had rickets, and there's certainly nothing in my examination today or on previous occasions to suggest that. I know you were careful to give him all his vitamin supplements according to the book when he was younger. By now he should be getting sufficient vitamin D for his needs from his diet — milk and egg-yolks are good sources — and from the amount the body manufactures under the influence of our abundant sunshine. In fact, large amounts of unnecessary vitamin D can have harmful effects, including kidney damage in extreme cases when dosage is repeated or prolonged."

I was glad to have the opportunity to tell Mrs. Shafir about the dangers of too much unnecessary vitamin D since some children still receive it for such dubious reasons as apparent bowing of the legs, where, of course, it is of no use at all.

Many young children LOOK rather bow-legged for a number of reasons. For a start, like Dror, they are usually still rather unsteady on their feet and consequently tend to walk on a wide base. A bulky diaper may also contribute to the overall impression of bowing. Such children may also have a large pad of fat on the outer side of their legs and thighs which similarly gives a hazy look. Fortunately a simple examination of the legs and feet, as well as a look at the soles of the shoes, usually reveal the true state of affairs and dispel any maternal doubts.

Curiously many toddlers thought to have bow legs just after they start to walk are brought back a year or two later. The suspicion this time is that they have knock-knees. This fear, too, is invariably groundless: all the findings of an examination are within accepted limits of normal. These children may have a gap of several centimetres between their ankles when their knees are touching. In the great majority of cases, this gap reduces itself spontaneously by about the age of six.

After this age, orthopedic referral may be justified if there is still a large space between the ankles, but this is exceedingly rare. In many years of family practice, I have never yet encountered such a case.

Wood-work on the wane

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WOULD-BE craftsmen abound in Israel, but Adina Berger is still searching for just one who can produce quality items in hand-turned wood. Adina, who nine months ago tackled the job of bringing Tel Aviv's Bataeva Crafts Corporation Shop "back to life and up to standard" bemoans the disappointing development of arts and crafts here — with the exceptions of jewellery and ceramics. The second exception she credits largely to the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design.

Craftsmen galore there are "Not a day goes by without a few either phoning for appointments or coming in to show their work, but it is essential to be selective."

Her efforts are already noticeable in the shop at 9 Rehov Frug. Wall carvings by Moshe Shek and Kalman Banker whose vases and bowls have symbols inspired mainly by the Canaanite and ancient Israelite eras and by cave drawings.

The two artists have developed a hand-operated press to "etch" the design with hundreds of tiny needles on a machine-made Dacron felt on a carpet base. The effects are impressive, but personally, I feel they are more suitable for public places than for the home.

Bataeva's current range of ceramics presents half a dozen patterns by purely decorative and functional pieces. Hagor Glazer's speciality is animal: stylized, clean lines for birds, cats, curly-horned rams, horses and lions. All are hand-thrown on the wheel, with hand-formed additions. Because she works in cramped conditions, Glazer prefers to use slip glazes requiring just one firing. Her finished pieces, combining earth colours with bright blue and turquoise, have a Mexican look. She leaves the circular imprints formed by working on the wheel "in order to stress the mechanics of the construction." She hates the idea of combining functional uses with figurative ceramics and firmly insists any suggestion of turning her family of chickens into salt and pepper sets, or giving her circular cats lids so they could be used as sugar bowls.

HAND-THROWN oven and table ware at Bataeva include a good selection of casseroles. Hanna-Hed, recently returned from the U.S., shows rustic casseroles and pots in rich, earthy colours.

Zvi Klingler's style, also based on natural glaze colours, is somewhat finer and more delicate. His sets of mugs with saucers are plain enough to make them comfortable to drink from — in contrast to many local mugs, which look attractive but are clumsy, heavy and badly balanced.

A totally different style in ceramics is the work of Israeli Banker whose vases and bowls have ultra-clean, smooth and pure forms, almost ancient Greek in their classicism. His semi-matt glazes are in plain earth brown or terra cotta, often a combination of the two. His fine quality work is highly elegant.

Enamel tile pictures with freely executed animal forms are the work of Marga Mitchell, a Dutch-born artist who lectures in design at the Shenkar College of Fashion and Textile Technology. She is intrigued by never knowing exactly how the finished enamel will emerge after firing. Her pieces include the *scraf-flo* technique, where lines are scratched into the wet enamel before firing, and wet technique, a smoother finish and water colour-like look.

The original line of coloured Bataeva glass, produced since the shop's early days, is now made in a factory in Pardes Hanna. It is still the company's main line for wholesale distribution and export, despite competition since the Six Day War from Hebron glass, which was the original inspiration for Bataeva.

A new line of glass at Bataeva is the work of Israeli Shurkin, who has always had a leaning towards painting and crafts and had served apprenticeship in a Haifa workshop for scientific, hand-blown glass. Two and a half years ago, he decided to apply the techniques he had learnt for blowing complex laboratory apparatus to artistic glassware. The results are delicate glass jugs, goblets and vases in murky deep colours with a dusty patina. His latest experiments are semi-abstract sculptures.

One of the most colourful corners at Bataeva is filled with cushions and wall-hangings made from old Arab embroideries, each one teamed with a plain-coloured cotton background to complement it.

Ayala and Paul Baboff, who do them are Jerusalemites who started collecting old embroideries in the Old City as a hobby. She comes from Switzerland and makes up all the cushions. He is an American journalist and helps with the colour coordination. The cushions range in price from IL20 to IL400 and are among the best-selling items in the store.

Tel. 415877 for information on names listed previously.

Buyers' Guide Shops and Services in Jerusalem

By NEIL ADAM

ADVERTISING SECTION

Shmonses

The name of a newly opened second-hand shop. Actually the owner, Aaron and Bezael, are too modest about the name of their shop — some of the merchandise is presentable antique furniture. Much is also usable junk. Prices are a lot lower than elsewhere (including Old City). Browse around and see furniture, ornaments, pictures, household appliances, etc., etc. SEMONSES also buys old merchandise, and sells on commission. 125 Rehov Jaffa.

My wife went to the King David

Following the advice of her friends, my wife went to the BEAUTY PARLOUR at the King David Hotel for a haircut and set and to her surprise she found herself sitting next to Charlotte Jacobson. Furthermore, services were just lovely, she says. The style was great and it suited her to a tee. And the price — believe it or not — regular town prices. And it's open to local residents too. Tel. 221111.

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Big Gypsy sale

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Nearly every home has a centuries-old prayer book, Bible, Talmud or secular classic, handed down from generation to generation, of priceless sentimental or monetary value — in short, a treasure. But invariably it is tattered, badly stained and being eaten away by mould. Aren't we supposed to be "people of the book" as the saying goes? Then why neglect our treasures when Jerusalem has a true craftsman?

ARIE THE BINDER, restores old books — removes stains, repairs torn pages. Jerusalem's bookshelves hold many old volumes whose restoration by Arie the Binder is a veritable resurrection. Tel. 61570.

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DAN RUSSELL, black belt instructor, runs karate classes which incorporate combat skills, meditation and yoga. Great way to keep fit and develop self confidence. Many women in classes. Every evening 7-9 p.m. in gymnasium of Ma'alot Dafna Elementary School (near Ramat Eshkol). All ages. Worth finding. Tel. 224030.

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What is the birthstone of February?

With February around the corner it might be useful to know that the February birthstone is Amethyst. Also useful to know is the fact that some of the world's finest amethyst is mined in South West Africa by Alan Roup, and is available at very competitive prices in Jerusalem at ROUP'S ROCK SHOP. Cut and polished amethyst, bead necklaces, baroque necklaces and crystal choker groups available at this unique shop. Also large selection in the capital of all kinds of semi-precious stones and mineralogical specimens. Hutsoz Hayotzer (below Jaffa Gate). Tel. 272444.

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Double vision in cards

BRIDGE / George Levinew

DOUBLE VISION in bridge is not seeing through the backs of the opponents' cards, but placing their cards in the one way that would enable a contract to be made.

Today's deal was played in a championship team-of-four contest at an American Contract Bridge League regional tournament. Before reading further try to make six hearts double dummy.

Vul. N-S

North ♠ 4
♥ 4
♦ 3
♣ 4

South ♠ 10
♥ 7
♦ 10
♣ 10

West ♠ 10
♥ 7
♦ 10
♣ 10

East ♠ 10
♥ 7
♦ 10
♣ 10

The bidding:

North 1
South 2
West 3
East 4

The opening lead was a spade, won by South. Declarer's problem was to avoid the loss of two heart tricks while missing the K Q 10 5 3. Here is how he did it.

For the second trick he led a low heart towards the dummy. West played the three and dummy played the eight. The queen won and a spade was returned. Declarer won this trick, trumped a spade in dummy, and led the heart jack.

A time for cabinet reform

POLITICS is the art of the possible, it is said. Inspired politics is the art of turning the seemingly impossible into the possible when a changing situation permits.

One of the criticisms levelled against Mr. Rabin's Government was the fact with 40 ministries it was so inflated that it creaked. The Cabinet itself was aware of this weakness. Thus, at the beginning of its tenure it set up a committee to suggest ideas for streamlining its operations and structure.

The Hauser Committee reported out several recommendations for reducing the number of ministries — forming a Ministry of Social Settlement from the present Ministry of Social Welfare, parts of the Labour Ministry and the National Insurance Institute, and establishing a Ministry of Construction and Population from the Housing Ministry and the rest of the Labour Ministry.

There was nothing radically new about these proposals. Yet they were long overdue, in view of the duplication of function in these various agencies.

Mr. Rabin went on record in their favour. But he gave up with no fight when the proposals ran into the entrenched interests of the cabinet ministers and coalition parties affected.

This was especially disappointing because there were good grounds for a more far-reaching reform than outlined by the Hauser Committee. For there is no administrative justification for not merging the Ministry of Transportation with Communications, Police with Justice, Tourism with Commerce and Industry, Religious Affairs with Interior.

The reason for this proliferation of portfolios is political. "Smart" politics has always dictated that numerous portfolios be available for trading in the coalition bagging that follows elections.

Police has from the start been used to satisfy the Sephardi voices in Mapai; Religious Affairs was created to appease the NRP; Tourism was carved from the Prime Minister's Office for the use of the ILP; and Housing was plucked out of the Labour Ministry when that Mapai stronghold was delivered to Abba Hava.

None of this is the responsibility of Mr. Rabin, of course. What he can be faulted for, however, is sticking with the supposedly pragmatic politics of the past even when it was widely conceded to be lacking in wisdom, and in shrinking from a reform of a system that has manifestly lost its viability.

Last Sunday the Prime Minister finally announced a moderately sweeping reassignment of cabinet posts. This was done under duress, as it were, following the ouster of the three NRP Ministers, and the death of Housing Minister Abraham Ofer. Thus the Justice Minister was given the Ministry of Religious Affairs; the Minister of Labour was entrusted with the Ministry of Social Welfare; the Police Minister took over the Ministry of the Interior; the Minister of Absorption also absorbed the Ministry of Housing.

This reorganization, which will, in any case, last only a few months, is not of the right kind. It entails the joining but not the fusing of Ministries. But it is a step in the right direction. The next step, as Mr. Hauser has suggested, would be to carry out, at long last, the recommendations of the committee which bore his name.

The time is propitious. Mr. Hammer is out; Mr. Baram is said to be resigned to his exclusion from the next cabinet; and Mr. Hauser's party, the ILP, will by no means be the sole, or even the main beneficiary. Mr. Rabin should ponder this opportunity for change. It might turn out to be just the kind of inspired politics some of his erstwhile supporters have been clamouring for.

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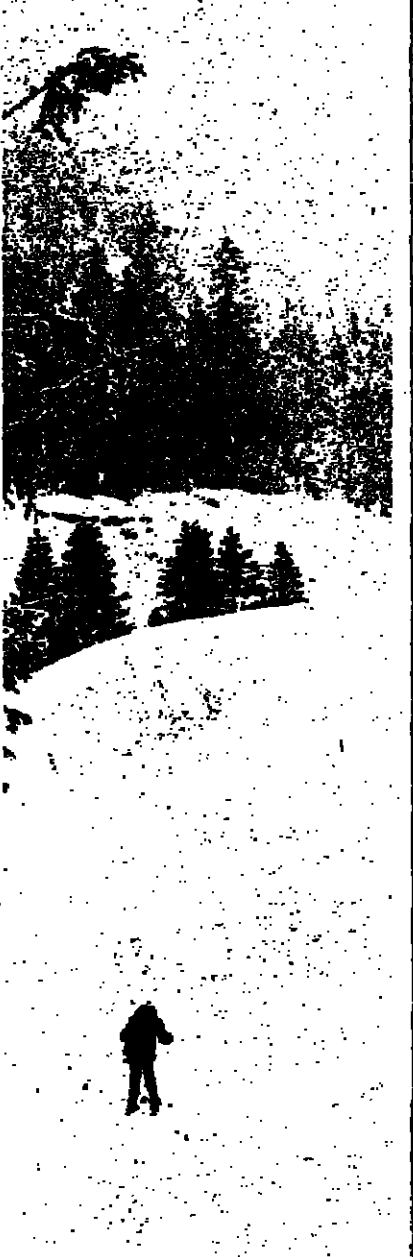
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POSTSCRIPTS



A RECENT Swiss economic study shows that all accidents cost the Gross National Product three times more than Switzerland's entire defence budget.

A valid reason for being envious of Switzerland?

YOU MUST hand it to the Tel Aviv municipal authorities. They do come up with ideas, even if they're occasionally rather quaint.

Someone up there at the Town Hall must have at last found out that music is supposed to soothe the savage breast. And what breast can be more savage than that of the taxpayer?

So, having announced that it is going to launch a full-scale drive against all tax-evaders, the Municipality has decided to soften the blow by having music piped into the first and third floors of the Town Hall where the Accounts Departments are housed.

Municipal spokesman Amikam Shapira says that the tax-payer will have music wherever he goes, just like the lady in the nursery rhyme with loudspeakers not only at the cashiers' windows but even in the lifts and on the staircases.

Now they should organize a contest for the most suitable tunes. Maybe not "The best things in life are free," or "I can't give you anything but love, baby." But what about Lisa Minelli's "Money, money, money" or Topol's "If I were only Rothschild"?

GOOD citizenship is sometimes more than its own reward.

Some of our readers may remember last year's case of the "mystery sniper" who fired at passengers on Holon buses. If so, they will be interested to know that the police have now given citations to members of the public who helped them identify the criminal. The help was given in a number of unusual forms.

Dr. Morris Kleinhaus, the psychiatrist who has been in the news on other occasions, was commended for his use of hypnosis to prod the memories of passengers aboard the buses on which the shootings had occurred.

Cartoonist Kariel Gardosh ("Dash") was cited for the sketches he made on the basis of descriptions furnished by witnesses, which assisted the police in finding the criminal.

Seventeen-year-old Ahuva Georgi, of Kiryat Shalom, was the first person to put the police on the track of a man practicing as a Civil Guard shooting range in Bat Yam and the officer in charge of the range, Yehoshua Karni, also received a citation.

AN EXAMPLE that might well be emulated was set earlier this month by the Kfar Silver Agricultural and Technical High School near Ashkelon. The several hundred pupils gathered at a special assembly to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the death of the great American Zionist for whom their school is named.

One wonders how many young people living in villages, studying in institutions — or reading in streets — whose names honour "famous men and our fathers that begat us" have any idea of what those people stood for.

Speaking at the ceremony, at which the highlights of Rabbi H. Abba Hillel Silver's career were recalled audio-visually, Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dulin told the pupils that the full story has yet to be told of Dr. Silver's role in influencing Ben Gurion's decision to declare the establishment of the State of Israel and the part he played in getting the Partition resolution approved by the United Nations in 1947.

THE RECENT VISIT to Britain of Vladimir Bukovsky, a non-Jew released by the Russian authorities, has thrown into keen relief a basic problem of the campaign for the right of exodus of Soviet Jewry. How far and when could or should this campaign — or, for that matter, those who take part in it — be associated with the basic battle for human freedom in the Soviet Union?

Shortly after the Leningrad Trials (when Bukovsky had shown his consummate courage by crying out on behalf of the beleaguered Jews), we promoted a parliamentary "early day motion" condemning the trials, the sentences and the breaches by the Soviet Union of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As a new MP, I discovered to my delight that the cause of Soviet Jewry was not regarded as a matter for Jewish concern, but as one of the great humanitarian issues of the day.

The motion received 333 signatures — more, I believe, than any motion on any subject before or since. Exclude members of the Government of the day (about 80) and of the Shadow Cabinet (perhaps 25) who, by tradition, do not sign such motions — plus those MPs who, through idiosyncrasy, sign no motions whatever — and there were few Members left who refused their support.

In 1971, a group of Members founded the All-Party Parliamentary Committee for the Release of Soviet Jewry. "Why not a committee for the release of all those who wish to leave the Soviet Union?" colleagues enquired.

"BECAUSE," we answered, "you should not mix your campaigns. The Jews are seeking to leave the Soviet Union. They are not trying to change the Soviet way of life. The dissidents, however, are mostly not out to leave but to remain, and to do so in freedom. To open the doors which lead out is a totally separate project from either the Jews within. Equally, it is not likely to help the dissidents to be regarded as part of the so-called 'International Zionist Conspiracy'." These arguments were duly accepted.

Some of us, it is true, detest the Russian regime and all it stands for. Others, though, recall the comradeship of the war; admire many of the achievements of the USSR; and, in some cases, regard their treatment of the Jews as a blot on an otherwise shiny achievement. At first, questions and speeches in the House on Soviet Jewry were received either with approval or at least in silence. Then, gradually, the Arabists moved in — on two levels. First, they began to ask: "If the Jews are to be allowed out of the Soviet Union and into Israel, why should the Arabs not be allowed back to their own homes?" We know the answers, of course, but the efforts to cloud the issue had begun.

THEN CAME the increasingly persistent query: "Why only the Jews?"

READERS' LETTERS

World Zionist elections

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In contrast to the views of the few attacking the mandate of the Zionist Tribunal for Congress elections, most American Jews join the Israelis in applauding this opportunity to revive the Zionist movement. Rabbi Louis Bernstein's letter (December 30) is proof of the absolute necessity for Zionist elections. It is precisely because Zionist leaders have evolved "less costly systems" for choosing delegates, as Rabbi Bernstein suggests, that Zionist activity has fallen into the hands of a small class of professionals. American Jewry is dismally ignorant of Israeli problems and Zionism.

Israel must not be reduced in the eyes of American Jewry to a mere philanthropy which will have to compete with the domestic charitable needs of American Jewry. The Israelis must not be degraded in American eyes to simple objects of charity, but that is the meaning of

the formula suggested by Rabbi Bernstein.

American Jewry, and indeed, all Jewry must become totally involved in Israel. Only by such involvement will ally be increased and will embattled Israel be assured of the total support of the far-flung Jewish communities. Free democratic elections to the forthcoming Zionist Congress are not a luxury, but rather a necessity. The cost of these elections will be cheap if measured against the results in strengthening Israel and the commitment to it of American Jewry. The decision of the Zionist Tribunal recognized the very real danger that the Zionist movement would fall into the hands of the paid professionals and lose the attachment of the masses of Jewry.

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was astonished to read Rabbi Louis Bernstein's letter of December 30.

How can a Zionist leader write that Jews "can easily identify with Israel through a thousand and one philanthropic and causes"? This is a complete misinterpretation of Zionism as a national renaissance movement.

Rabbi Bernstein writes in his letter that "American Jews with the exception of the professional Zionists do not view Zionism as a political system." Does he really believe what he said? What is a national movement, fighting for independence and for national survival, if not a political movement? Elections will give Zionists all over the world an opportunity to discuss

the burning problems that we are facing today, the problem of the pressures that will be put on Israel, our struggle to insure the existence and growth of our State, the ways to increase aliyah, the organization of education of the Jewish youth in the Diaspora and the problem of fighting assimilation.

As attorney of the World Zionist Movement, I brought this problem before the Zionist Congress Court, and I think that the decision of this Court ordering elections, has done a lot of good for the Zionist movement. Zionist education and the development of Zionist consciousness are inevitably connected with costs.

ZVI KLEINENTYNOVSKI,
Attorney of the
World Zionist Movement
Tel Aviv.

Rakah Suggests

Setting up a Jewish-Arab List of Peace and Democracy

Interview with the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel, Meir Vilner, M.K.

QUESTION: The 18th Congress of the Communist Party of Israel decided to initiate the setting up of a list: Front for Peace and Democracy in Israel, which would participate in the forthcoming Knesset elections. Has anything been done in this direction?

ANSWER: Yes, we have made contacts with various factors, which we consider prospective collaborators in such a list.

QUESTION: What is the likely platform of such a list?

ANSWER: The platform of such a list should be based on the following 5 articles:

- ★ The first and main article in the platform should be: a just and stable peace, a real peace. This means, the "Front" list will act to change the official Israeli policy, in order to prevent a new war, and will support the convening of the Geneva Conference with the participation of all the involved parties, including the PLO.
- ★ The second article: defending democratic freedom against the danger of the right and fascist forces seizing power.
- ★ The third article: defending the interests of the workers and popular masses.
- ★ The fourth article: struggle against the policy of discrimination against, and oppression of the Arab population in Israel, and for civil and national equality of rights.
- ★ The fifth article: struggle to end discrimination against oriental Jewish communities in all spheres.

QUESTION: Will the Front's platform also include ideological topics?

ANSWER: Definitely not. The Front for Peace and Democracy must stand aloof from ideological differences. It can and must comprise Jews and Arabs, Communists, Zionists, the religious, and others who have come out publicly against the occupation, and for peace, as well as for working people's rights.

The Communist Party of Israel
Department of Propaganda

The struggle for the right of Soviet Jews to leave their native country has been rightly kept separate from the general battle for freedom in Russia, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to dissociate the two, writes GREVILLE JANNER M.P.

The Jews and the dissidents

Why are you not concerned with others? What about the persecution of Christian Churches? What about Sakharov, Vins, Bukovsky, ...?

Sakharov? Colleagues in the Soviet Jewry campaign and I joined in proposing him for the Nobel Prize — and my wife travelled to Oslo for the ceremony.

Vins and Bukovsky and the other non-Jewish prisoners of conscience? Am I not a founder member of the International Commission for Human Rights in the USSR? Do we not all wear several hats — according to the campaign in question? But must we not still keep the campaigns apart — for the benefit of all?

Some Soviet Jewry campaigners (we point out) are known friends of the Soviet Union. Did not one of them, the veteran Welsh MP Dan Jones, receive a commendation from the Soviets for his efforts to press Britain to open its second front in World War II? Are not many of our Members also active in the Anglo-Soviet Parliamentary Group?

True, some of our Members are Soviet haters and baiters. But the battle for Soviet Jewry unites all.

A SUPREME EXAMPLE of this unity appeared during the November

Appeal against evictions

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The undersigned are public figures and others prominent in education who are neither involved in politics nor identified with any political body, but want to improve human relations between the various communities and ethnic groups in Jerusalem.

We hereby appeal to the Ministers in charge of Housing and Religious Affairs, to the Chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem, and to the Mayor of Jerusalem to postpone and prevent the eviction of the few Moslem families who still live in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City in the area which was not included in the Quarter prior to the War of Independence.

These evictions — and the trend towards "restricted" quarters which they reveal — will damage the harmonious relations between communities and religions in Jerusalem, harm Jerusalem's image as a unified city where people can live together and understand our many achievements in this field in the ten years since the city was united.

We are convinced that, if the request of these few families is granted and a way is found to let them go on living in this area by including them

DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Dr. Peled and Company are harming Israel's search for a real and lasting peace by their activities. They have been sensationally featured this week in the Dutch media as representing majority Israeli opinion and as their hopeful statements emanating from anonymous contacts within the PLO are taken here as gospel truth.

This is understandable, for in Holland as in Israel, people want to believe that the PLO has miraculously had a change of heart,

accepts Israel's reality and is to let us live on as a Jewish State. Their ears, unlike our own, are tuned to the actual policies of the PLO, unchanged since its inception. But people of goodwill outside are being fooled into believing this dream-world product.

Peled and Company provide a disrupt the slow and careful which may lead to peace in the East. They are a danger to Israel's continuing existence.

Brielle, Holland. MOSES H.

QUESTION: But are there not difficulties in this connection?

ANSWER: Not as far as we are concerned. Out of historical responsibility felt for the fate of the people of Israel, we aspire to unite all the forces of peace, in spite of the differences among them.

We think that those who refuse to participate in the Front for Peace and Democracy with the Communist Party of Israel for ideological-Zionist reasons, although agreeing with us on the vital necessity of achieving a just and realistic peace, are sectarian and irresponsible. The concrete issues in these Knesset elections are not concrete issues between Zionists and Communists, but between annexationists who lead towards war, and the peace forces that lead towards peace. The decision-makers in the elections for the 9th Knesset is, as we stated at the 18th Congress: Will there be a fifth war, bloodier than the previous ones, or peace benefiting all the peoples and countries, brought about by implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations, adopted after the June 1967 War.

QUESTION: Does the establishment of new lists, such as those of Yadin and Sharon, stimulate the chance of setting up a Front for Peace and Democracy for the elections, or does this weaken the prospects?

ANSWER: We think that the establishment of anti-democratic lists like these should stimulate the setting up of the Front for Peace and Democracy.

The absence of unity among the forces of peace in Israel is their main weakness. The peace forces in Israel are not few, but they are still influenced by outdated anti-communist prejudices; they still act from narrow sectarian points of view, obscuring the great cause, the lofty purpose of preventing the disaster of a new war, and achieving peace.

QUESTION: Who comes into consideration in the setting up of such a front?

ANSWER: Every party and public organization, personalities, Jews and Arabs, that agree with the fundamentals of this platform.

visit of Politburo Member Ben Ponomarev. He and his crew sat in the gallery, listening to Conservative complaints that the Government was not taking a sufficiently firm line on compliance with the final Act of the Helsinki Agreement, and even to demand for the exclusion of the Russians from the gallery.

The Prime Minister himself countered with a firm rejection of any policy which did not allow discussions with Soviet leaders, but also with a reiteration of resolve of his government and himself to continue to promote the cause of freedom for Soviet Jews, short time ago, Mr. Callaghan to Eastman that the bulk of the discussions with Ponomarev were taken up with the plight of Soviet Jews.)

The Soviet Jewish story, then, taken on a symbolic importance which far exceeds even the number of people involved. For the very reason it is becoming increasingly harder to dissociate from the general struggle for rights and liberties in Soviet Russia, the efforts (not least Britain's Chief Rabbi) to highlight the needs of Jews who will emigrate; with the "drop out", showing that mere exit visas are enough to promote aliyah; and with Soviet attempts to launch its own appointees into the World Congress (and thence into acceptance and respectability) the separation of "let my people go" from "my people live" becomes more difficult.

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